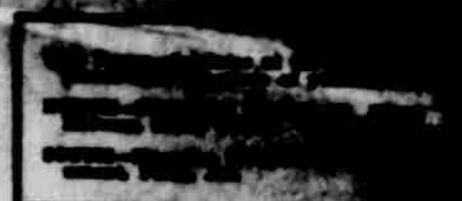




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The side of the boat had become as a deck—a place where the rescuers might stand.

The scene was confusing.

Policemen, officers, firemen, soldiers, divers, men in bathing suits—life guards—priests, reporters, physicians and others jostled and bumped each other.

Every second came the cry: "Stretchers!" and a dozen men would rush toward the spot. Then came the warning, "Gangway! Gangway!" and four men would go by carrying a still, blanket-covered figure.

Now and then a policeman walked through the crowd, carrying a bundled corpse of a child in his arms.

Here two men were pumping air to a diver down in the depths, there a group waited, pulling on ropes, watching someone down below—ready to haul up another body when the signal came.

Office of Church.

A priest stood by one such hole. There was a shawl round his shoulders and he held an umbrella.

"I have given them all conditional absolution," he said; "some who came out alive, but almost dead, received the last sacrament, the viaticum."

"All ready upstairs!" came the shout from below.

The firemen pulled on the ropes. The body came up bit by bit.

"Stretchers!" bawled someone, and in a trice there were two stretchers waiting.

The hand of the priest made the sign of the cross as the body came into view and his lips muttered:

"Ego te absolvo a peccatis tuis, in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiriti Sancti, Amen!—I absolve you from all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!"

It was the body of a young girl, dressed in a white dress. There were white pumps on the feet and white silk gloves on the arms. She held clasped in one hand a gold watch. It was opened.

"Ah, poor soul!" said the priest. "She was holding her sweetheart's watch, perhaps, and they were chatting together when the boat overturned."

Up came the man from the hold—

PICTURE OF THE RESCUE SCENES

Life Guards and Divers, Priests and Physicians Labor to Save Victims.

MORGUE IN A WAREHOUSE

Row After Row of Bodies Fill Great Rooms as Waiting Crowds Weep and Curse—Pathetic Scenes Are Witnessed.

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WOMAN TELLS OF DISASTER

Mrs. William Peterson Says She Was Separated From Husband and Child.

Chicago.—Among those rescued was Mrs. William Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson was on the second deck with her husband, a fireman at the Western Electric company; her daughter, Ruth, eight years old, and a baby in her arms.

FOUR INCHES OF RAIN

WASHOUTS TIE UP TRAFFIC IN NEW MEXICO.

Unusually Heavy Rains in Rio Grande Valley Destroyed Wheat Fields and Damaged Other Crops.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Albuquerque, N. M. — Unusually heavy rains in the Rio Grande valley and tributary watersheds washed out the Santa Fe railroad in at least three places, destroyed wheat fields and did considerable damage to other crops. So far as known, no lives were lost.

At Socorro the lower end of the town was threatened by the Rio Grande, which washed out the Santa Fe between that city and Lemitar and came down the valley above the railroad embankment. Irrigation ditches were washed away and a large area of wheat land flooded, ruining the crop.

Magdalena was cut off from railway connection by a washout a mile below Water cañon, nine miles east.

At San Marcial conditions were reported very bad. Telephone communication was cut off, and there was but one telegraph wire into the town.

At Silver City four inches of rain fell in the forty-eight hours ending Sunday night, putting two feet of water into the downtown streets. Three streets were washed out. Protective measures, taken after the disastrous flood of ten years ago prevented damage to buildings.

The Gila, Mangas and Mimbres rivers were out of their banks and communication with the Mogollon mining district north of Silver City cut off.

The Santa Fe's branch from Deming to Silver City was washed out.

Roberts Chosen to Succeed Himself.

Las Vegas.—The board of regents of the New Mexico Normal University adopted the report of Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, president of the institution, re-electing him to office for a period of three years at a salary of \$4,000 a year. Dr. Roberts was commended for the growth shown in the school under his administration. The increase of \$500 was voted unanimously. The report shows the increase during the past five years, of every aspect of the state institution. The student body, the summer school, tuition fees, money handled, appropriations and graduates each is taken up, and statistics for the period from 1910 to 1915. The growth in every branch has been extraordinarily rapid.

Treasurer Makes July Apportionment.

Santa Fe.—An apportionment of \$106,000 from July tax receipts was made by Deputy State Treasurer Frank Marron. The state purposes fund receives \$27,413; road fund, \$9,138.25; state institutions, \$15,577.44; charitable institutions, \$3,198.02; current school fund, \$4,569.13; and interest fund, \$18,276.52. Of the \$27,413 apportioned for state purposes the salary fund is credited with \$20,245.64; the penitentiary receives \$6,307; the insane asylum, \$6,408, and the university, \$4,810.75.

Held on Stamp Theft Charge.

Santa Fe.—Frederick Dry, stamp clerk at the postoffice at Albuquerque, is under bond of \$1,500 on a charge of embezzling \$600 worth of stamps, following his arrest by Postoffice Inspectors Booth and Frawley. His case will be laid before the next grand jury. Roy H. Flamm, general delivery clerk in the Santa Fe, N. M., postoffice, is accused by postoffice inspectors of opening registered letters.

Tax Rolls Show Increase.

Santa Fe.—The Grant county tax rolls for the year 1914, which are now being totaled by County Assessor James A. Shipley, and his chief deputy, Robert Jones, which will be forwarded to the State Tax Commission, show a total assessed valuation on all kinds of property of \$22,222,205, as against \$19,918,019 for the year 1913, a net increase of \$2,304,186.

Denia Onions Doing Unusually Well.

Roswell.—This is one of the best years for Denia onions that has been experienced since this crop began to be planted in the Pecos valley, according to statements from many growers. The crop is maturing splendidly.

Flood Causes Death of Aged Man.

Albuquerque.—Jose Ignacio Rodriguez, 77, was killed by the collapse of the rear wall of his home, an adobe house, which had been weakened by persistent heavy rains.

Apache Indian Gives Self Up.

Santa Fe.—Tomasso Pansy, an Apache Indian wanted on charges of murder and rape, has surrendered at the Apache Indian agency at Dulce, Rio Arriba county, according to information received at the United States marshal's office here.

Big Cabbage Crop.

Santa Fe.—Two carloads of cabbage have been shipped from an eight acre plant by E. P. Link of Las

STATE NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NEW MEXICO PEOPLE

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 2-4.—State Good Roads meeting at Albuquerque.

Sept. 12-14.—San Juan County Fair at Farmington.

Sept. 22-24.—San Juan County Fair at Aztec.

Sept. 25-30-Oct. 1.—Northern New Mexico Fair at Raton.

Sept. 25-Oct. 1.—Alfalfa Festival and Flower Show at Artesia.

The dove season opens Aug. 16.

The Clovis-Portales road is nearing completion.

A new school building is to be erected at Carson.

Work on a new school building has been started at Clovis.

The First National bank of Fort Sumner has changed hands.

Taos people expect a telephone line will be built into that city.

The new Methodist National Sanitarium at Silver City opened Aug. 1.

There is talk of establishing direct mail service from Roswell to Lovington.

Twenty-nine Normal students graduated with high honors at Silver City.

A Silver City Angora goat raiser shipped 1,400 head to Kansas City in one day recently.

Rains put an end to the largest forest fire in the Albuquerque district within two years.

There will be a special term of the Federal Court at Santa Fe beginning Monday, Sept. 6.

Luna county electors will vote on a proposition to issue \$100,000 road bonds on Sept. 14.

An electrical storm of unusual violence killed four cattle at the Plaza Largo, near Tucumcari.

Pecos valley peach growers state that the hot, dry weather will result in unusually sweet peaches.

The hearings in the New Mexico Texas boundary suit are to be resumed toward the end of September.

Grasshoppers are doing considerable damage to field crops and gardens in certain localities in the state.

Mrs. Arline Meier, of Raton, because of despondency, drank carbolic acid and died before a physician arrived.

Two men arrested by Deputy Game Warden Garton were taken to Mogollon and contributed \$30 for shooting turkey out of season.

Prof. J. W. Rigney, county agricultural agent, has given a demonstration at Dexter of the "hopperdozier" in the extermination of grasshoppers.

The executive committee of the National Historical Society elected ex-Gov. L. Bradford Prince of Santa Fe, a life member and vice president.

Buck Miller was thrown from a pitching horse at Carlsbad and received injuries from which he never rallied and died at the Anderson sanitarium.

Governor McDonald, State Engineer Ervlen and Land Commissioner Friven were among those who attended the Good Roads meeting at Albuquerque.

William Chisholm has filed suit in the Federal Court for \$35,000 damages against the El Paso & Southwestern Railway for injuries sustained at Torrance.

The call for the meeting of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association at Albuquerque during fair week urges reorganization and changes in by-laws and rules.

An increase of \$2,122,911 compared with the final assessment of 1914 is shown by the 1915 tax roll of Dona Ana county, received by the State Tax Commission.

Walter E. Bell, a fireman employed by the Chino Copper Company at Santa Rita, was run over by an engine and so badly injured that he died several hours afterward.

A suit for \$25,000 damages against the Victor American Fuel Company of Gallup, resulting from the death of Stephen Mellicie, a miner, was filed in the United States District Court at Santa Fe.

Word comes from the Pecos and Mesilla valleys that alfalfa is still too low to permit of profitable shipping. Only \$7.25 per ton is the maximum offered and farmers continue to store the alfalfa.

On the Bishop farm in the Dexter district of Chaves county a "hopperdozier" is reported to have gathered a crop of forty bushels of grasshoppers. The hoppers will be dried for chicken and turkey feed.

The boys and girls of the state who are interested in farming and livestock growing are to have a special department at the state fair this year and an encampment on the grounds at which they will be the guests of the fair during the entire week.

That the charge for the care and feeding of county prisoners held at the state penitentiary at Santa Fe is not restricted to 50 cents a day by the county salary law passed by the last Legislature, is held by Attorney General Clancy in an opinion given John B. McManus, penitentiary superintendent. He penitentiary authorities have been charging counties 75 cents a day.

John N. Logan, mail carrier on the star route between Moriarty and Curry, who was last seen at Moriarty,

BECKER DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

EXECUTION TAKES PLACE AFTER WIFE'S PLEA TO GOVERNOR WHITMAN IS REJECTED.

OSKING, N. Y.—Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, twice convicted of investigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison at 5:45 o'clock Friday morning. Becker died proclaiming to the last his innocence of the crime charged and his devotion to his wife, who labored until the last hope was gone to obtain a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

Becker was strong to the end. During the last hours he spent in the cell after his wife left him forever he sat in deep meditation on the edge of his couch until he was called to the death chair.

Becker died with a picture of his wife pinned over his heart so that all witnesses might see the face of the woman, love of whom he had expressed in his last written statement.

Becker did not make a speech from the chair.

His last words to Deputy Warden Johnson, regarding the statement, were: "Let these words go to the public as though I had spoken them."

At 4:30 o'clock Becker gave out the following typewritten statement as his dying declaration, signed in his own bold handwriting:

"My Dying Declaration: Gentlemen: I stand before you in my full senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the state which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon every one who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now on the brink of my grave, I declare to the world that I am proud to have been husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowledgment is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all good-by. Father, I am ready to go. Amen."

"CHARLES BECKER."

RUSSIANS IN RETREAT

Country Around Warsaw Is Laid Waste to Cover Retreat of Slaves to New Defenses.

London, July 31.—The Russians now are facing the problem of evacuating Warsaw and the surrounding country without loss to their armies, while the Austro-German forces are making a supreme effort to get across their line of retreat. The Teutons are said to have met with partial success in this attempt, a Berlin official report stating that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, resuming the offensive, had reached the Chelm-Lublin railway, about midway between those two cities, and that southeast of this, as far as the Bug river, the Russian front had been "shaken."

According to dispatches received here, the country around Warsaw which the Russians are leaving to the invaders has been put to the torch, while the city itself has been denuded of everything that might be of use to the Germans if it falls into their hands.

It may even be some days before the Teutonic forces occupy the Polish capital, if they finally do, for the Russians are fighting more than a rear guard action.

Wilson to End Mexico Strife.

Washington, July 31.—Definite steps toward restoration of peace in Mexico will be taken immediately upon President Wilson's return to Washington. What specific action the President may have decided on has not been disclosed, but it was authoritatively stated that the executive departments of the government were preparing to carry out promptly the program determined upon. Only an unexpected move in Mexico itself to end the strife, it is said, would further delay affirmative action by the United States to restore constitutional government in the war-torn republic.

Flood Sweeps Train in Ditch.

Colorado Springs.—Several persons are reported injured in a wreck of Santa Fe express No. 6, one mile west of Crews and about nine miles south of Colorado Springs. The train was struck by a flood of water which overflowed a small arroyo at that point, striking against the side of the track and carrying away the rails. The train consisted of two baggage cars, five coaches and five sleepers.

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